

REMARKS

The Office Action mailed February 24, 2004 has been carefully reviewed and the following remarks have been made in consequence thereof.

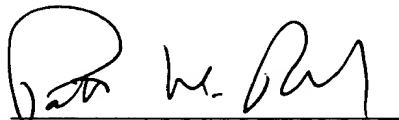
Claims 1-69 are now pending in this application. Claims 1-69 stand rejected.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a), a three-month extension of time is submitted herewith to extend the due date of the response to the Office Action dated February 24, 2004, for the above-identified patent application from May 24, 2004, through and including August 24, 2004. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)(3), authorization to charge a deposit account in the amount of \$950.00 to cover this extension of time request also is submitted herewith.

The rejection of Claims 1-69 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1-28 of co-pending, and commonly assigned, Application No. 09/751,868 is respectfully traversed. Submitted herewith is a Terminal Disclaimer limiting the term of the pending application to that of Application No. 09/751,868. Applicants respectfully request that the obviousness-type double patenting rejection of Claims 1-69 be withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, all the claims now active in this application are believed to be in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and favorable action is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully Submitted,



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